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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

1.□□ What are White House Commemoratives? The White House will send a Presidential greeting card to acknowledge specific occasions, such as a birthday (for persons 80 yrs. of age or greater), a wedding anniversary (50 years or greater), a wedding (marriage date must be within the past 12 months), or baby's birth (the birth must be within the past 12 months). The recipient must be a U.S. citizen or the White House will not fulfill the request.

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2.□□ Is there a deadline when a request must be submitted? Yes, for birthday and anniversary greetings, the White House requires a minimum **advance notice of 6 weeks** prior to the date of the event. Birthday and anniversary greetings will not be sent if a request is received after the event date has passed. Birth acknowledgements and wedding

congratulations cannot be submitted until the event has occurred, but the date of the birth or marriage must have taken place within 12 months of the request.

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3. Are there any time restrictions that would cause a Presidential greeting not to be sent? Yes, because the White House feels the language in the commemorative card is not appropriate for a belated event, their policy is not to send a greeting for a birthday or anniversary after the event date has passed. For acknowledgments of a birth, the baby must have been born within the past 12 months, and for wedding congratulations, the wedding date must have occurred within the past 12 months.

The White House makes the final determination whether the request falls within their guidelines and if a commemorative card will be sent.

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4. What information must be provided with the request? All requests must include the following information: 1) Name of honoree(s), 2) Address of honoree(s), 3) Form of address (Mr., Mrs., Ms. Miss), 4) Date (month, day, year) of birth, birthday, wedding, or anniversary, 5) Requestor's name and daytime phone number.

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5. How long does it take before the commemorative card is received? Birthday and anniversary greetings will be mailed from the White House approximately 10 days prior to the event. However, in order to assure that the request will be processed in time, the request must be submitted a minimum of 6 weeks in advance of the event date. Birth acknowledgments and wedding congratulations will be mailed from the White House within 6 weeks of receipt of the request so long as the birth or marriage occurred within the past 12 months.

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6. How do I submit a request through your office? My office can only process requests for residents of the [7th Congressional District of Wisconsin](#), which I represent.

If you are a resident or the recipient is a resident, you can submit your request online using my [Web Form](#), or by

Postal Mail

(send your request to: Congressman Dave Obey, Attn: Greeting Request, 401 5th Street, Suite 406A, Wausau, WI

54403-5468), or by

Fax

at:

(715) 842-4488.

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7. I live in the Wisconsin 7th Congressional District, but the person I want to have the Presidential greeting sent to does not. Can I still submit my request through your office?

Yes, my office will process a request so long as either the person making the request or the recipient of the Presidential greeting is a resident of the

[7th Congressional](#)

[District of Wisconsin](#)

If

neither

the requestor nor the recipient is a resident, my office cannot provide this service.

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8. If I submit a request for this service using your online web form, will I receive an acknowledgment that your office has received my request?

Yes, when your request is received by my office, whether by web form, letter, or fax, a letter acknowledging receipt of your request and notifying you that we have contacted the White House on your behalf will be sent to you in the mail. It is important that you complete all information items on the web form, especially your name and mailing address so that we will be able to contact you. Since my office does not fulfill requests for out of district residents, no acknowledgement is sent.

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9. Can I submit my request directly to the White House? Yes, you can contact the White House directly to submit your request by postal mail, fax, or online:

The White House
Attn: Greetings Office
Washington, D.C. 20502-0039

Fax: (202) 395-1232

You can submit your request online to the [White House Greetings Office](#) .

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